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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, AF
SUBJ: PROGRESS IN THE LOYA JIRGAH

REF: A) KABUL 792, B) KABUL 817

1. AS SECOND WEEK OF AFGHAN LLYA JIRGAH (NATIONAL
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY) WINDS TO A CLOSE DELEGATES
HAVE APPROVED JUST MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF
ARTICLES OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION. AT PRESENT RATE
IT APPEARS JIRGAH WILL COMPLETE WORK ON CONSTITUTION
EARLY DURING AFGHAN WEEK BEGINNING FEB 12.

2. PENULTIMATE ARTICLE OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION RE-
QUIRES PRESENTLY CONVENED JIRGAH TO ELECT NATIONAL
PRESIDENT BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. THIS WE ASSUME
WILL BE MAJOR EVENT OF NEXT WEEK, PLUS DISCUSSION
AS GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST OF POLICIES OF REGIME
PRIOR TO JIRGAH. IN LATTER CONNECTION BELIEVE IT
POSSIBLE DAQUD'S PUSHUNISTAK POLICY WILL RECEIVE
FURTHER AIRING.

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3. DEBATES HAVE BEEN LIVELY AND DELEGATES

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ATTENTIVE, BUT NO HEAD-ON DISAGREEMENTS WITH
REGIME'S POLICIES AS EXPRESSED IN CONSTITUTION
WERE REGISTERED. DELEGATES HAVE BEEN TREATED
TO HEAVY SOCIAL/CULTURAL EVENTS SCHEDULE, AND
WE ARE TOLD MUCH GOVT LOBBYING AND PERSUADING
TAKES PLACE AT THESE SESSIONS.

4. MORE COMPLETE ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL
AT CONCLUSION OF JIRGAH.
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